



THE STORY YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ HAD ITS BEGINNING SOME 25,000 YEARS AGO WHEN COMMUNICATIONS TOOK THE FORM OF PICTURES ON THE WALLS OF CAVES, A SIMPLE STEP BY OUR ANCESTORS TO RECORD THEIR EXPLORATIONS, DISCOVERIES, AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE FOR LATER GENERATIONS.

IT HAD ITS BEGINNING WHEN ASTRONOMY WAS BORN MORE
THAN 3,000 YEARS AGO WHEN THE ANCIENT BABYLONIANS OBSERVED
THE STARS AND PLANETS IN SEARCH OF ANSWERS TO THE
RIDDLE OF OUR UNIVERSE.

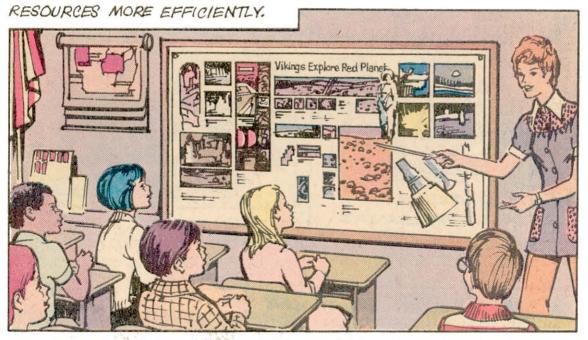
IT HAD IT'S BEGINNING IN THE CURIOSITY OF OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS IN WHOSE POOTSTEPS WE WALK TODAY AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE NEW FRONTIERS.

MANY CENTURIES OF EXPLORATION AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES BROUGHT MANKIND TO THE AGE OF THE TELEPHONE, RADIO, THE COMPUTER, TELEVISION, TAPE RECORDING AND PLAYBACK, STEREO HI-FI, GLOBAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATION, AND RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATION WITH AN AMERICAN NASA VIKING 1 LANDER ON THE PLANET MARS, 400 MILLION MILES FROM OUR WORLD — THINGS WHICH MOSTLY DID NOT EXIST EVEN 60 YEARS AGO.

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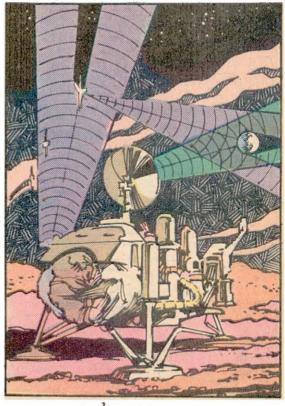
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TODAY, SPACE MISSIONS INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OTHER PLANETS — LIKE MARS — WHICH CAN HELP US TO USE EARTH'S

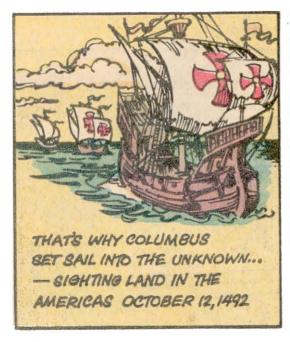




AND, LIKE THE DARING VIKINGS WHO TOUCHED THE SHORES OF CANADA ABOUT 1000 A.D., WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXPLORE... TO DISCOVER... TO PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS,



... AND THAT'S WHY AN AMERICAN "VIKING"—A ROBOT EXPLORER—TOUCHED DOWN ON THE PLANET MARS, 400 MILLION MILES FROM EARTH, JULY 20, 1976.





IN THE EARLY 1920'S, AMERICAN EXPLORERS NEAR THE NORTH POLE TALKED BY RADIO TO THE PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONS,

THAT'S WHY AMERICAN EXPLORERS

NEIL ARMSTRONG AND EDWIN

ALDRIN SET THEIR SPACE SHIP

DOWN ON THE MOON'S SEA OF

TRANQUILLITY IN 1969 — THEN

TALKED FROM THERE BY RADIO

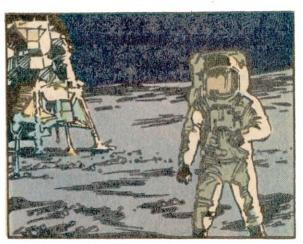
AND TELEVISION, WITH A U.S.

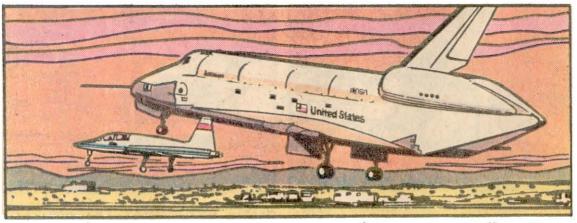
PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

— A STEPPINGSTONE FOR THE

EXPLORERS WHO WILL TRAVEL EVEN

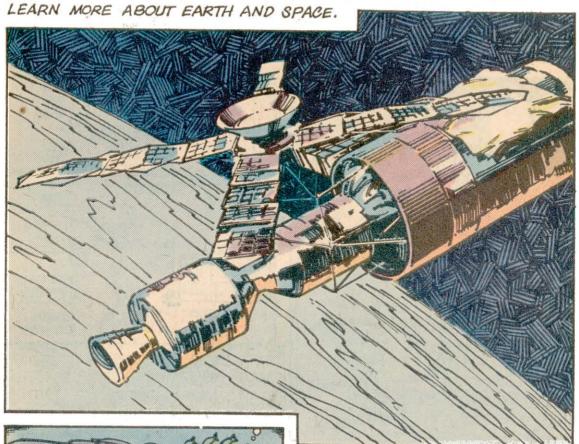
DEEPER INTO OUTER SPACE.





AMERICA'S NEW SPACE SHUTTLE ORBITER "ENTERPRISE" LANDS LIKE AN AIRPLANE AFTER RETURNING FROM ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH, USING A MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM — MUCH BETTER THAN THE OLD "PARACHUTE LANDING" OF A CREW CAPSULE IN THE OCEAN.

MANY THINGS WE READ ABOUT SCIENCE TODAY... STRANGE-LOOKING SPACE SHIPS... ARE NO LONGER "SCIENCE-FICTION" STORIES — LIKE AMERICA'S SKYLAB ORBITING SPACE STATION. IT HELPS US TO

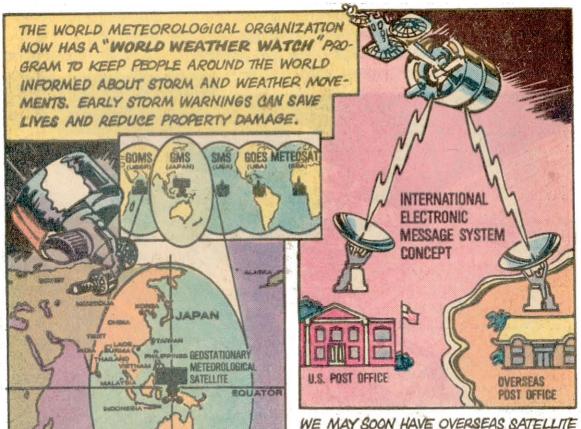




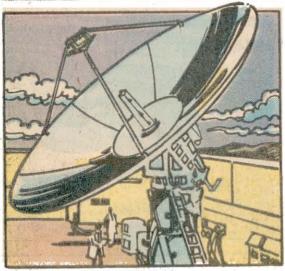
TODAY, SCIENCE EXPLORERS WITH THE AID OF ELECTRONICS ARE ALSO SEARCHING THE OCEAN FLOOR FOR NEW RESOURCES AND WAYS TO RETRIEVE THEM. MORE AND MORE PETROLEUM COMES...



... FROM WELLS DRILLED IN THE OCEAN FLOOR. UNDERSEA CRAFT, WITH WORK CREWS, HAVE EXPLORED DEPTHS THOUSANDS OF FEET DEEP ... PLANTING A FLAG TO MARK THEIR ACHIEVEMENT!



WE MAY SOON HAVE OVERSEAS SATELLITE
MAIL, USING AIR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE
SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND OVERSEAS LOCATIONS... ANOTHER
SENEFIT OF OUR SATELLITE AND
SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM!



MOBILE SATELLITE GROUND STATIONS SENDING ELECTRONIC SIGNALS TO SATELLITES ABOVE THE EARTH LET US SEE WORLDWIDE EVENTS LIKE THE OLYMPIC GAMES ON COLOR TELEVISION... AND NEWS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.





AS EARLY AS 600 B.C., THALES OF MILETUS, GREECE, THEORIZED A CONNECTION BETWEEN ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM. THE ANCIENTS EVEN TRIED ELECTRIC SHOCKS FROM EELS AS A TREATMENT FOR RHEUMATIC DISEASES!







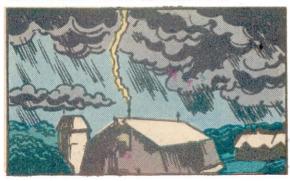
BATTERIES WERE USED FOR ELECTROPLATING GOLD, SILVER AND ANTIMONY AS EARLY AS 227 B.C. — LIKE THE TYPES UNCOVERED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN IRAQ, IN 1936.



IN 1600 A.D., GILBERT PUBLISHED THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM, CALLED DE MAGNETE."



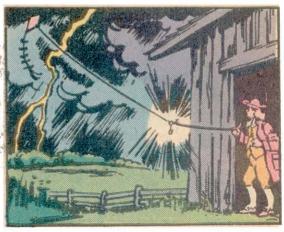
HE LEARNED IT WAS, AND THEN
DEVISED HIS LIGHTNING ROD SYSTEM
TO BLEED OFF GROUND AND AIR
CHARGES —— USED ON HOMES AND
OTHER BUILDINGS TO THIS DAY.



AN IMPROVED BATTERY DESIGN
WAS MADE BY ALESSANDRO VOLTA
IN 1800. OTHER IMMENTORS MADE
IMPROVEMENTS LATER.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SET OUT TO DISCOVER IF NATURAL LIGHTNING WAS THE SAME STUFF AS ARTIFICIAL ELECTRICITY IN HIS FAMOUS KITE AND WIRE EXPERIMENT.





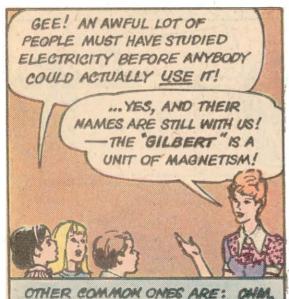


LATER, FARADAY DEVISED THE FIRST MACHINE TO MAKE ELEC-TRICITY FROM MECHANICAL ENERGY, IT WASN'T VERY EFFICIENT ... BUT IT WORKED!

ABOUT THIS TIME, MAXWELL WAS STUDYING THE WORKS OF FARADAY, DAVY, AND OTHERS. HIS MATHEMATICS PREDICTED "ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES" IN SPACE... "DISTURBANCES" STUDIED BY MAXWELL, AND SHOWED THEY BEHAVED IN THE SAME WAY AS LIGHT! — IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF "WIRELESS" RADIO.

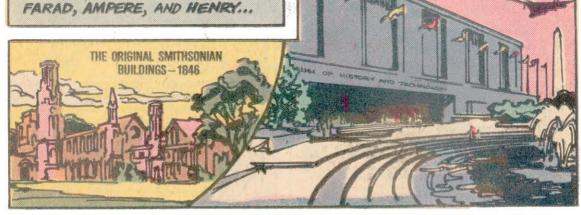






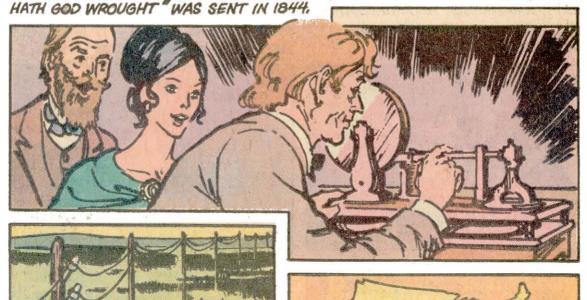
FOR JOSEPH HENRY, WHO ALSO BUILT THE FIRST ELECTROMAGNET, LATER USED FOR THE DIRECT CURRENT MOTOR.





IN 1846, JOSEPH HENRY, INVENTOR AND TEACHER, BECAME THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH WAS BORN FROM A GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA BY JAMES SMITHSON OF SCOTLAND.

IN 1837, AT THE AGE OF 44, SAMUEL MORSE, A PORTRAIT ARTIST, BUILT THE FIRST PRACTICAL TELEGRAPH SOUNDER. THE FIRST TELEGRAM, "WHAT



HIS WIRE TELEGRAPH WAS THE FIRST PRACTICAL LONG-RANGE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. IN 1861, STEPHEN FIELD SENT THE FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO PRES. LINCOLN...

... FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THE YOUNG
TELEGRAPH SYSTEM GOT ITS BAPTISM
OF FIRE DURING THE U.S. CIVIL WAR
WHICH BEGAN THAT YEAR.

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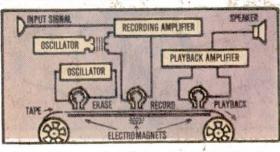


THOMAS EDISON IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS INVENTION OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB, BUT JUST AS GREAT WAS HIS PHONOGRAPH FOR SOUND









MAGNETIC RECORDING WAS INVENTED BY VALDEMAR POULSEN IN 1889. TAPE RECORDING WAS DEVELOPED IN THE LATE 1930'S ... THIS DIAGRAM SHOWS HOW TAPE IS RECORDED.

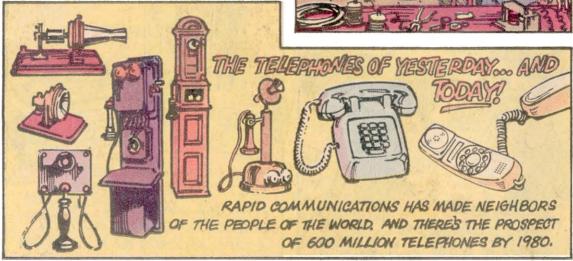


TODAY TINY POCKET-SIZE RECORDERS
ARE THE THING FOR DIGITATION, MEETING
OR LECTURE NOTES, LANGUAGE STUDY
OR FOR RECORDING THE SOUNDS
OF A VACATION TRIP.

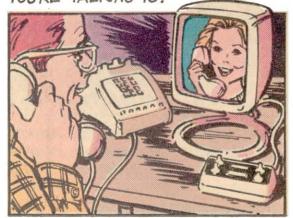
BELL'S FIRST TELEPHONE PATENT WAS ISSUED MARCH 7, 1876, JUST THREE DAYS LATER, ON THE TOP FLOOR OF A BOARD-INGHOUSE AT NO.5 EXETER PLACE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, THE TELEPHONE CARRIED ITS FIRST INTELLIGIBLE SENTENCE.

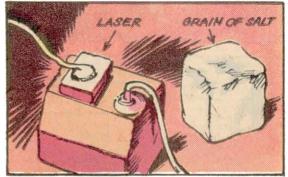






AND MANY TELEPHONES WILL HAVE
A "PICTURE PHONE" SO YOU CAN SEE
AS WELL AS HEAR THE PERSON
YOU'RE TALKING TO!

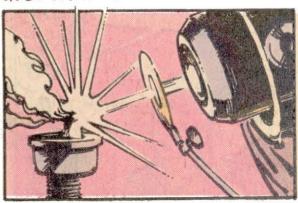




SMALLER THAN A GRAIN OF SALT, THIS SOLID-STATE LASER (ARROW) MAKING A LIGHT THROUGH TINY GLASS FIBERS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO "TALK BY TELEPHONE OVER A BEAM OF LIGHT." —ANOTHER MIRACLE OF SCIENCE!



A LASER CAN FOCUS ENORMOUS ENERGY ON A VERY SMALL AREA TO CUT STEEL OR BURN HOLES IN DIAMOND WIRE DIES...







PRECISION LASER RANGE-FINDERS HELP THE ARMY PINPOINT TARGETS FOR LASER-GUIDED MISSILES, BOMBS OR SHELLS,



PEOPLE IN OUTER SPACE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT A LASER BEAM, PROJECTED FROM EARTH, COULD STILL BE DETECTED AT 100 LIGHT YEARS DISTANCE!



FROM A WIRELESS STATION

AT BRANT ROCK, MASSACHUSETTS ...

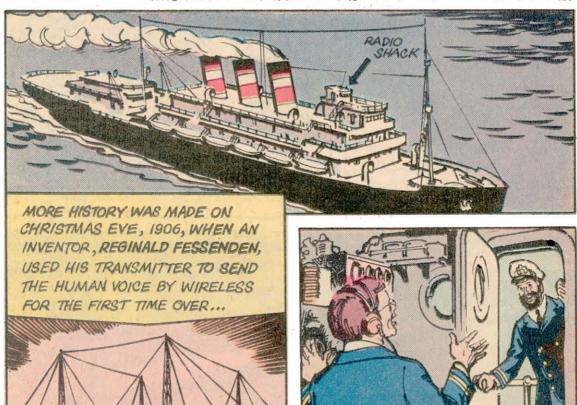
ON DECEMBER 12,1901, GUGLIELMO MARCONI SENT THE FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM ENGLAND TO NEWFOUNDLAND, THIS SUCCESS SHOWED THE LONG-RANGE POSSIBILITIES OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.



SEVERAL YEARS LATER, SHIPS WERE

ADDING A SMALL ROOM TO THE TOP DECK TO HOUSE MARCON'S WIRELESS

RADIO SETS —— THIS ROOM WAS CALLED THE "RADIO SHACK" BY SAILORS.



... HUNDREDS OF MILES — HEARD BY MANY AMAZED WIRELESS OPERATORS ABOARD SHIPS AT SEA!



RIGHT, BOB! IN A FEW YEARS
RECEIVERS USING AUDION TUBES
REVOLUTIONIZED RADIO LISTENING
—MORE STATIONS COULD BE TUNED
IN... EVEN THOSE FAR AWAY!

THE DE FOREST VICTABLES, the tribule
The AUDION

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TUBE
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LEE DE FORRESTS INVENTION OF THE AUDION MARKED THE BEGINNING OF REGULAR RADIO BROADCASTS

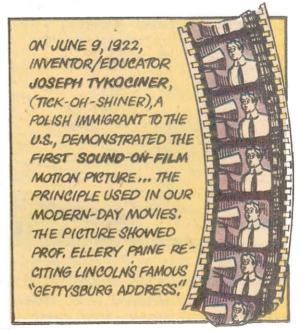




EARLY-DAY RADIO SETS WERE LARGE, AND THE LOUDSPEAKER LOOKED LIKE THE HORN OF A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

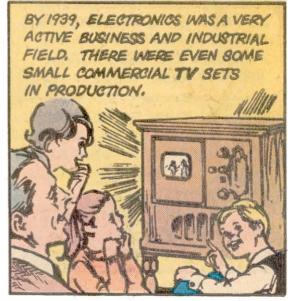


SOON, EVEN BETTER RADIO SETS WERE MADE, U.S. ARMY MAJ. EDWIN ARMSTRONG DEVELOPED THE SUPERHETERODYNE RECEIVER DURING WORLD WARI. IT GAVE THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES A GREAT ADVANTAGE. HE ALSO DEVELOPED FM RADIO DURING THE LATE 1930'S.



— OTHER FIELDS OF ELECTRONICS
BEGAN TO DEVELOP ALSO... IN 1933,
KARL JANSKY ANNOUNCED THE DISCOVERY OF RADIO WAVES FROM OUTER



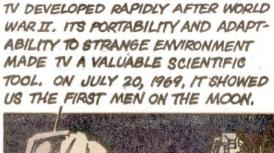




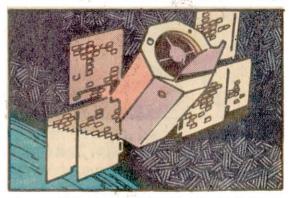
MODERN TV PICTURES CAN BE RE-CEIVED IN 85 COUNTRIES. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT ELECTRONIC ADVANCES HAVE WIDENED THE SCOPE OF TV GREATLY.



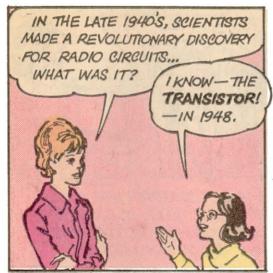
GIANT RADIO TELESCOPES HAVE BEEN BUILT, LIKE THE RADIO ASTRONOMY OB-SERVATORY AT GREENBANK, W. VA., TO HELP US LEARN MORE ABOUT OUTER SPACE.



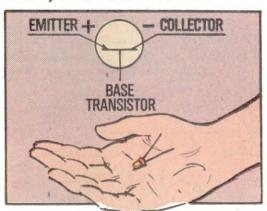




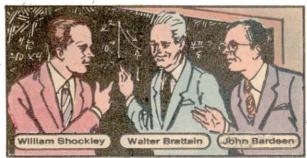
A TELESCOPE SCANNING OUTER SPACE FROM A PLATFORM-IN-ORBIT CAN SEND TV PICTURES OF WHAT IT SEES BACK TO EARTH.

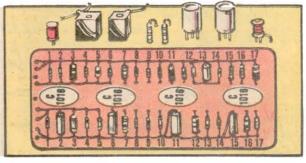


THIS IS THE SYMBOL FOR THE TINY TRANSISTOR ... WHICH MADE POSSIBLE SMALL, LIGHTWEIGHT RADIOS.



YES, THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS WAS SPLIT BETWEEN THREE MEN... FOR THE INVENTION OF THE TRANSISTOR:
JOHN BARDEEN, WILLIAM SHOCKLEY,
AND WALTER BRATTAIN. IT REVOLUTION-IZED THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

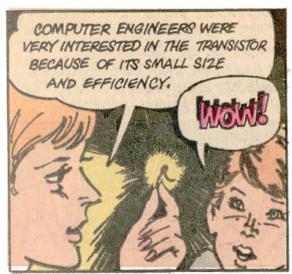


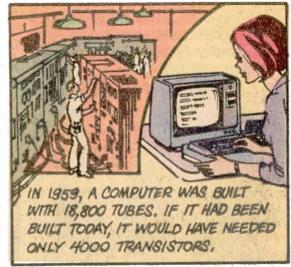


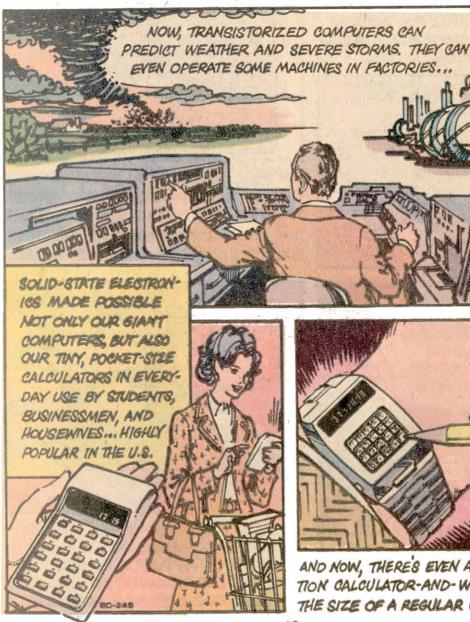
ANOTHER GIANT STEP OF THIS EVOLUTION TOWARD MINIATURIZATION WAS THAT OF PRINTED CIRCUITS, SOLID-WIRE CONNECTIONS AND TUBES WERE BEING REPLACED BY PRINT-ED CONNECTIONS ON A FLAT CIRCUIT BOARD.

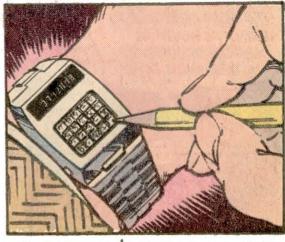


...THIS IS KNOWN AS MOLECULAR ELEC-TRONICS, WHERE MATERIAL ONLY ONE MILLIONTH OF AN INCH THICK IS USED. SOMEDAY, THIS CIRCUITRY BUILDING WILL BE DONE ENTIRELY BY AN ELECTRONIC BEAM.



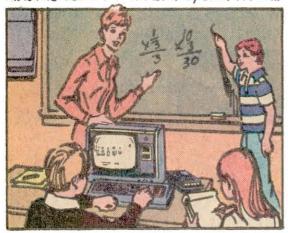






AND NOW, THERE'S EVEN A TINY COMBINA-TION CALCULATOR-AND-WATCH ABOUT THE SIZE OF A REGULAR WRISTWATCH!

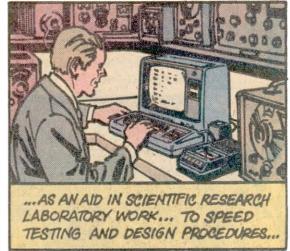
TODAY, MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEMS COSTING AS LITTLE AS A CONSOLE TV SET ARE FINDING USES IN TEACHING/LEARNING...



... IN REDUCING TIME AND PAPERWORK FOR SMALL-BUSINESS OPERATIONS...



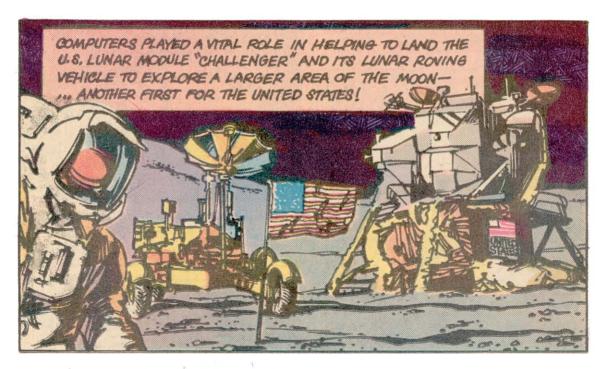




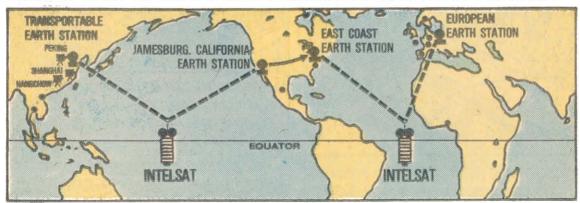


AND BY 1981, A SATELLITE BUSINESS SYSTEMS CRAFT WILL TRANSMIT DATA DIRECTLY TO ROOFTOP ANTENNAS OF U.S. BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM 22,300 MILES ABOVE EARTH.



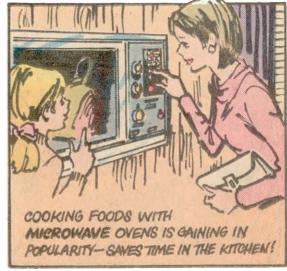


THE WORLD GREW EVEN SMALLER BY 1972, WHEN PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WERE ABLE TO VIEW LIVE TELECASTS OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S RE-PUBLIC OF CHINA VIA THE U.S.-BUILT INTELSAT IX IN ORBIT ABOVE THE EARTH.

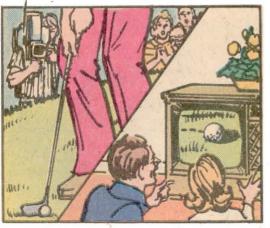


FOR MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH ZWORYKINS
ELECTRON MICROSCOPE. IT VIEWS AN AREA
AS MINUTE AS ONE-BILLIONTH OF AN INCH!

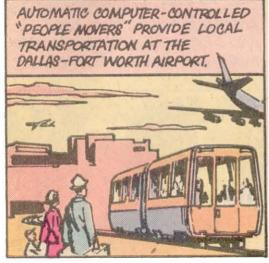




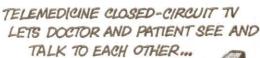
TELEVISION IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 1960 INCLUDE TELEVISION LENS ZOOMING, IN-STANT VIDEO TAPE RECORDING, AND INSTANT "PLAYBACK" OF SPORTS PLAYS.











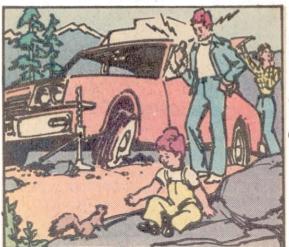




... BY LONG DISTANCE --- MAKING A SPECIALIST'S SERVICES AVAILABLE OVER WIDER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.

TODAY, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES, GET TO ENJOY
THE FABULOUS BENEFITS OF ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.
IT HAS GIVEN OUR PEOPLE THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING IN THE WORLD.

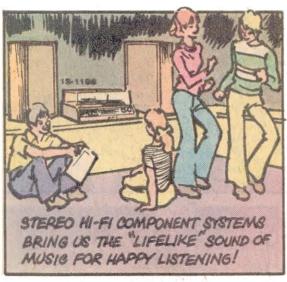
ELECTRONICS PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT, TOO!



MOBILE CB-2-WAY RADIO HELPS TO MAKE TRAVEL HAPPIER AND SAFER...



MUSIC AND NEWS OF THE DAY ...







PORTABLE TAPE RECORDERS MAKE POSSIBLE TAPING SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS AND FAMILY GET-TOGETHERS...

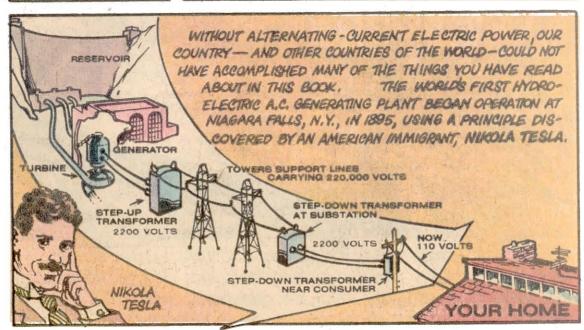


... AND NOW, THERE'S AN "OSCAR" IN ORBIT, THE SATELLITE USED BY HAM RADIO OPERATORS ... PLONEERS IN COMMUNICATIONS IN THE U.S.

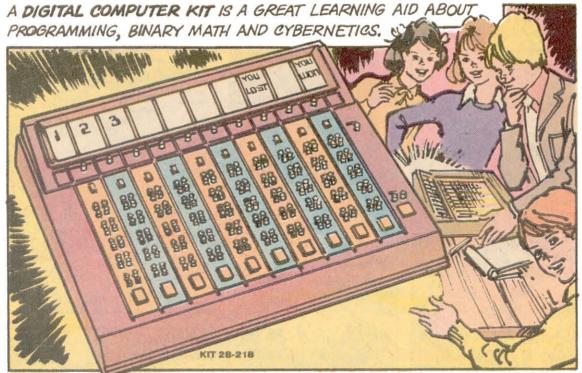
TODAY, THE UNITED STATES PRODUCES AND CONSUMES A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S ELECTRIC ENERGY TO GIVE ITS CITIZENS THE BEST STANDARD OF LIVING EVER ACHIEVED BY MANKIND, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE FORCES OF NATURE FOR NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY... SOLAR POWER, COAL, GAS, STEAM FROM GEYSERS, WATER-POWER, NUCLEAR POWER... TO TURN THE TURBINES THAT PRODUCE OUR ELECTRICITY.

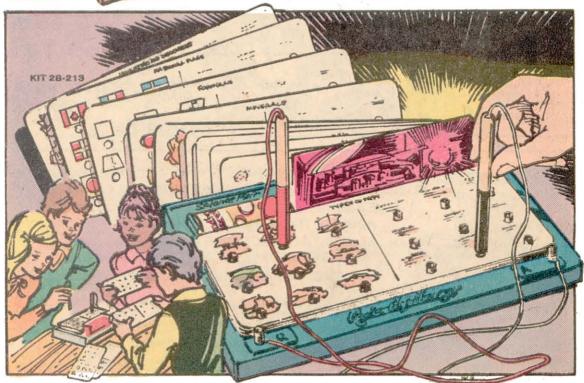




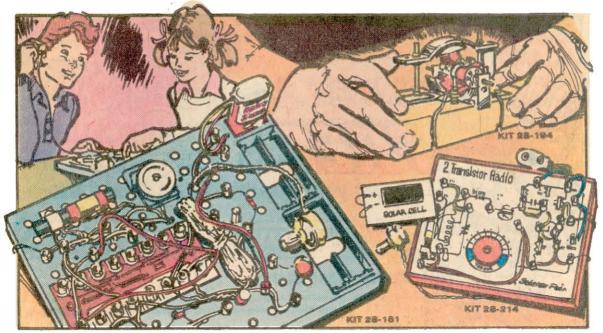


ELECTRONICS HAS ALSO BROUGHT NEW IDEAS AND EQUIPMENT TO AID IN TEACHING QUICKER AND BETTER WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE.

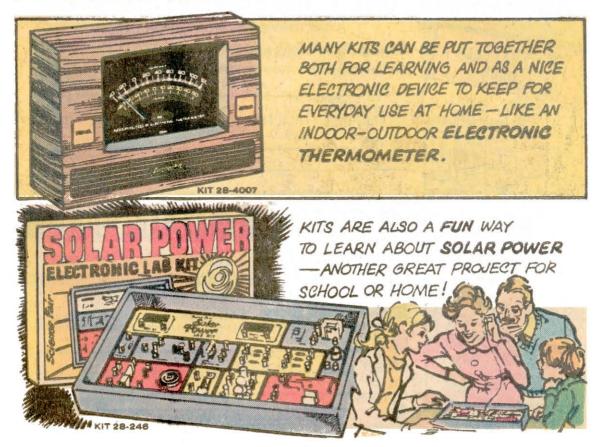


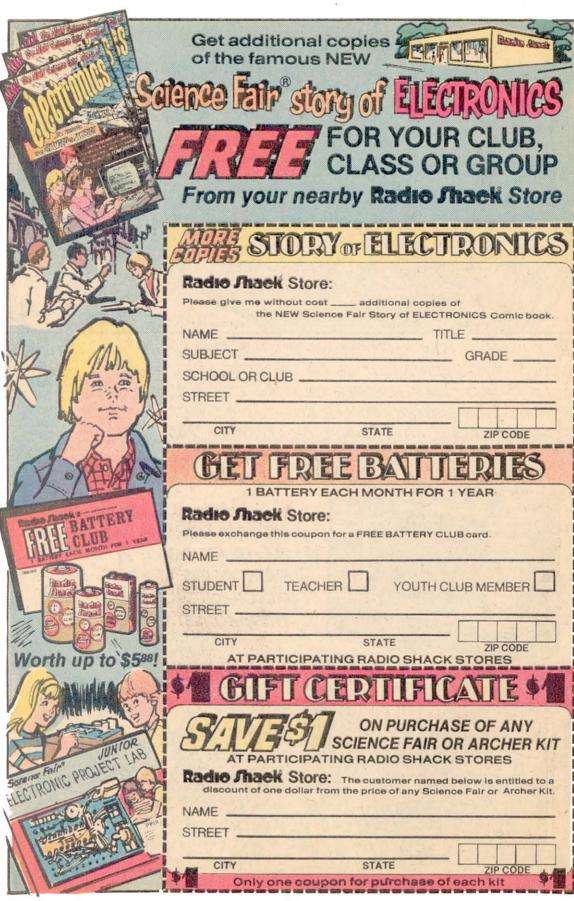


ELECTRONICS MAKES POSSIBLE A FUN WAY TO LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE,
HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH AN ELECTRONIC QUIZKIT. INSERT A QUIZ CARD... READ THE QUESTION... CHOOSE THE RIGHT
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Electric Power Production

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Inventor of Wireless Telegraphy

5. Buglielmo Marconi (Apr. 25, 1874-July 20, 1937) Electrical Engineer and Mathematical Wizard

4. Charles P. Steinmetz (April 9, 1865-Oct. 26, 1923)

Inventor of the Telephone

3. Alexander Graham Bell (March 3, 1847-Aug. 2, 1922)

Inventor of the Telegraph Samuel F.B. Morse (April 27, 1791-April 2, 1872)

Engineer-Inventor and First Secretary Smithsonian Institution 1. Joseph Henry (Dec. 17, 1797-May 13, 1878)

ANSWERS TO SCIENCE QUIZ

C. William Shockley (Feb. 13, 1910-JOINSVAI (B. Walter H. Brattain (Feb. 10, 1902-) INVENTOR A. John Bardeen (May 23, 1908-11. Shared Nobel Prize for their invention of the Transistor

His Discoveries paved the way for today's Radio Astronomy 10. Karl Guthe Jansky (Oct. 22, 1905-Feb. 14, 1950)

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Inventor of the Incandescent Lamp (Electric Light Bulb) 8. Thomas A. Edison (Feb. 11, 1847-0ct. 18, 1931)

and Receivers

Inventor of the Scanning Principle used in today's TV Cameras 7. Vladimir Zworykin (July 30, 1889-

